

Application No. 10/583,556
Preliminary Amendment

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A packaged beverage, comprising with a green tea extract ~~mixed therein~~, comprising the following ingredients (A), (B) and (C):

(A) from 0.01 to 1.0 wt% of non-polymer catechins,

(B) oxalic acid or a salt thereof, and

(C) caffeine,

wherein:

a content weight ratio [(B)/(A)] of said the oxalic acid or salt thereof (B) to said the non-polymer catechins (A) is ~~from 0.00005 to 0.1~~ from 0.0005 to 0.05; and

a content weight ratio [(A)/(C)] of said the non-polymer catechins (A) to said the caffeine (C) is ~~from 5 to 10000~~ from 10 to 10000.

Claim 2 (Original): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, further comprising (D) from 0.0001 to 20 wt% of a sweetener.

Claim 3-5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according ~~any one of claims~~ ~~1-5 to claim 1~~, further comprising from 0.001 to 0.5 wt% of sodium ions and from 0.001 to 0.2 wt% of potassium ions.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according ~~any one of~~ ~~claims 1-6 to claim 1, which~~ wherein the beverage has a pH of from 2 to 5.

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Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-7 claim 1, wherein ~~said the green tea extract as a raw material is one obtained by~~ removing caffeine from a concentrate of green tea extract, ~~said the~~ concentrate comprising from 20 to 90 wt% of non-polymer catechins based on a solid content thereof, such that a content weight ratio [(A)/(C)] of ~~said the~~ non-polymer catechins (A) to ~~said the~~ caffeine (C) falls within a range of ~~from 5 to 10000~~ from 10 to 10000.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-8 claim 1, ~~which is filled wherein the beverage is provided~~ in a clear container.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-9 claim 1, ~~which wherein the beverage is~~ a soft drink.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to claim 10, ~~which wherein the beverage is~~ a carbonated beverage, a beverage with a fruit extract, a juice with a vegetable extract, a near water, or a sports drink.